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SUBJECT : Troop Training Launch Sites NO : PIC/JB-13/60
LOCATION: Kapustin Yar/Vladimirovka DATE: 24 February 1960
Missile Test Center LAT : 48° 30' N
WAC NO : 235 LONG: 46° 15' E

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PHOTO DATA:



MAP DATA:

1. AMS Series N501, Sheet NM 38-11, STALINGRAD, 1:250,000, 1958 (U).
2. AMS Series N501, Sheet NM 38-12, PETROPAVLOVSKIY, 1:250,000, 1956 (U).

REMARKS:

A detailed comparative examination of the [] photography 25X1D covering the Kapustin Yar/Vladimirovka Missile Test Center (See CIA/PIC/JB-8/60) reveals at least 66 tactical troop training launch sites throughout the SSM Facilities. Each site is composed of several vehicle revetments which are oriented toward a small cleared area. Of these 66 sites, 49 are located in a 100-square-mile maneuver area, Troop Training Launch Complex "F", and were in existence in [] However, 25X1D quality of the [] photography precluded their identification at that time. There were also in [] four inactive troop training sites at Launch Complex "A" and one active large troop training site at Complex "C".

Since [] 12 large troop training launch sites have been constructed for long-range tactical missiles. Three of these sites are located at Launch Complex "A", six at Complex "C", and three at Complex "G".

The 17 sites, both old and new, which are associated with Launch Complexes "A", "C", and "G" have certain characteristics distinguishing them from the 49 sites at Complex "F". The 17 sites are generally

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positioned along the north/south firing line of the rangehead; in addition, they are clustered generally into three groups; and finally, the sites in each of the three groups are carefully positioned with respect to their adjoining sites. These foregoing characteristics are in contrast with the random scattering of the 49 sites throughout the 10-mile-square maneuver area at Complex "F".

In summary, the most important points derived from this analysis are as follows: (1) a threefold increase since [REDACTED] in the number of large 25X1D troop training sites along the north/south firing line; and (2) the magnitude and extent of Soviet troop training that had already been accomplished by [REDACTED] at the Complex "F" maneuver area.

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